GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries & Accounts Department– Sri K. Sugunakar Rao, Assistant Director (Retd.) – Irregularities noticed in payment of pensions at Sub Treasury, Visakhapatnam – Charges issued – Explanation Received – Order of Inquiry – Appointment of Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-I-DTA) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 306 **Dated: 02.12.2022**

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Rt. No. 2397, Finance (Admn.I) Department, dated. 21.09.2020.
2. Explanation of Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, Assistant Director, DTO, Visakhapatnam received through DD, DT, Visakhapatnam.
3. DTA e-File No. FIN02-17026/18/2020-G SEC-DTA (Computer No. 1191328).

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Government have issued the following Articles of Charge under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against the charged officer Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, Assistant Director, Visakhapatnam (now retired).

Charge – I:

That Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, the then Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam presently Assistant Director, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam while working on deputation as Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam had irregularly paid pensions to fraudulent cases, without DHs of PPOs., thereby he failed to discharge his legitimate duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct as unbecoming of Government servant and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge – II:

That Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, the then Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam presently Assistant Director, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam while working on deputation Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam has not verified the particulars in life certificates furnished by pensioners with DHs of PPOs., of the pensioners and also not maintained the watch registers viz., Pension Change Watch Register, Recovery Watch Register, Refund Watch Register, Death PPOs Watch Register etc., as per the instructions issued in Circular Memo. No. D2/15129/2003 dt.30-08-2003 by the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad (now at Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada) violated the pension drawing and payment procedures, causing which huge amounts loss sustained to the Government exchequer, thereby he failed to discharge his legitimate duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct as unbecoming of Government servant and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge-III:

That Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, the then Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam presently Assistant Director, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam while working on deputation as Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam had failed to supervise his subordinates in filing the Annual Verification Certificates (life certificates) and other certificates with the disburser's half of PPO as per the Govt. instructions in Cir.Memo.No.48596/B/345/PSC/98 Fin. & Plg.(FW..PSC) Dept., Dated 19-02-1999, which resulted in the status of pensioners not identified properly, thus he exhibited misconduct, and thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge-IV:

That Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, the then Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam presently Assistant Director, District Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam while working on deputation as Assistant Treasury Officer, Sub Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam has not properly supervising his office "Sub Treasury Office, Visakhapatnam as being the Head of Office and he failed to check whether all PPOs/Records are in his

custody OR under the custody of concerned STO/Senior Accountant as per master data maintained in Pen-13 Programme and he failed to report to his superiors about the missing PPOs/Records which leads irregular payment of pensions and also leads to misappropriation of the Government money and huge amounts loss sustained to the Government exchequer, thereby he failed to discharge his legitimate duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct as unbecoming of Government servant and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 964.

2. The articles of charges have been served to the charged officer with a direction to submit his written statement of defence, if any, within (10) days of the receipt of the orders.

3. In the reference second read above, the charged officer has submitted his written explanation and denied the charges framed against him. The charged Officer has submitted that "he was only on deputation for a short span of 11 working days at sub treasury, Visakhapatnam and he has not authorised any new irregular pension payments during that period and its being the end of monthly activity where payments rush would be there, it is not possible to verify such huge number, and hence requested to drop further action against him in the matter. In the reference third read above, the DTA has submitted his remarks on the explanation of the charged officer. Since, the explanation submitted by the charged officer is not convincing, the same was rejected.

4. Government, after careful examination, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub rule (2) and sub rule (5) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint Sri D. Surendra, Joint Director as Inquiry Officer and Sri B. Raja Gopal Rao, Deputy Director, Guntur District as Presenting officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri K. Sugunakara Rao, Assistant Director (Now Retired), Visakhapatnam.

5. The Inquiry Authority is directed to complete the inquiry strictly as per Rules in force within two months and submit report to the Government for taking further necessary action. In case of delay, the Inquiry Officer shall explain every day of delay.

6. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts is requested to take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Copy to:
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SECTION OFFICER